

Lunar New Year fair stall auctions to start next Tuesday

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) announced today (November 7) that stalls at the 2020 Lunar New Year (LNY) fairs will be put up for open auction starting from November 12 (Tuesday).

The LNY fairs are to be held at 15 locations and will be open for seven days from January 19 to 25, 2020. A total of 1,284 wet goods stalls and 18 fast food stalls will be put up for auction. No dry goods stalls will be provided at the venues.

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "LNY fairs in the past had all along been crowded with people, including elderly people and children. In view of the current social situation, the Government, as the venue management and event organiser, has the responsibility to ensure the safety of the stall owners and visiting members of the public."

He said, "To safeguard public safety and public order, and to implement crowd control measures more effectively, the FEHD will enlarge the sizes of the 2020 LNY fair stalls to cater for the operational needs of sale of flowers. Public access will also be widened to alleviate the crowding situation. Since the total number of stalls has been reduced, only wet goods stalls for selling flowers will be provided. If circumstances at the venues permit, fast food stalls will also be provided."

The spokesman added, "In the face of an economic downturn, the upset prices of the 2020 LNY fair stalls are half of those last year with an aim of supporting small and medium-sized enterprises."

The opening prices range from \$320 to \$5,440 for wet goods stalls and \$3,810 to \$187,430 for fast food stalls.

The six fairs on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and in Islands District will provide 573 wet goods stalls and 11 fast food stalls. The fairs will be located at Victoria Park in Causeway Bay, Fa Hui Park and Cheung Sha Wan Playground in Sham Shui Po, Morse Park in Wong Tai Sin, Kwun Tong Recreation Ground in Kwun Tong and Tat Tung Road Garden in Tung Chung.

The auction for stalls of the LNY fair in Victoria Park will be held on November 12 and 13 at the Assembly Hall, Lai Chi Kok Government Offices, 19 Lai Wan Road, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon. On the first auction day (November 12), fast food stalls will be auctioned, followed by wet goods stall, and the second auction day (November 13) is for the remaining wet goods stalls. The auction sessions are scheduled from 9am to 12.30pm (AM session) and 2pm until completion of the auction (PM session). Due to the limited number of seats, those who are interested in bidding for the specific types of stalls at the Victoria Park LNY fair are invited to participate in the auction at Lai Chi

Kok Government Offices on the designated auction date.

The auctions for stalls of the Fa Hui Park (Sham Shui Po) and Kwun Tong Recreation Ground fairs will be held at the Theatre, Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre, 11 Clear Water Bay Road, Ngau Chi Wan, in Wong Tai Sin on November 14 and 15 respectively. The auctions for stalls of the Morse Park (Wong Tai Sin) and Cheung Sha Wan Playground (Sham Shui Po) fairs will be held at the Assembly Hall, Lai Chi Kok Government Offices, 19 Lai Wan Road, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon, on November 18 and 20 respectively. The auction sessions are scheduled from 9.30am to 12.30pm (AM session) and 2pm until completion of the auction (PM session).

The auction for stalls of Tat Tung Road Garden LNY fair in Tung Chung will be held at Rooms 1403, 1404 and 1414, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, on November 22. The auction session is scheduled from 9.30am until completion of the auction.

Details of the auctions, the number of stalls and opening prices are as follows:

Victoria Park (Causeway Bay)

Number of stalls: Fast food (3) and wet goods (216)

Auction date: November 12 (Tuesday)

AM session: Fast food and wet goods (Stall Nos. 1 to 60)

PM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 61 to 120)

Opening prices:

Fast food: \$187,430 (Stall size: 7.6m x 4.8m)

Fast food: \$100,390 (Stall size: 5m x 4m)

Wet goods: \$5,440

Auction date: November 13 (Wednesday)

AM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 121 to 170)

PM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 171 to 216)

Opening price: \$5,440

Fa Hui Park (Sham Shui Po)

Auction date: November 14 (Thursday)

AM session: Wet goods

PM session: Fast food and wet goods

Number of stalls: Wet goods (117) and fast food (4)

Opening prices:

Wet goods: \$2,950

Fast food: \$33,720 (Stall size: 7.6m x 4.8m)

Fast food: \$14,570 (Stall size: 5m x 3m)

Kwun Tong Recreation Ground (Kwun Tong)

Auction date: November 15 (Friday)

AM session: Wet goods
PM session: Fast food and wet goods
Number of stalls: Wet goods (86) and fast food (2)
Opening prices:
Wet goods: \$1,820
Fast food: \$5,050 (Stall size: 7.6m x 4.8m)

Morse Park (Wong Tai Sin)

Auction date: November 18 (Monday)
AM session: Wet goods
PM session: Fast food and wet goods
Number of stalls: Wet goods (74) and fast food (1)
Opening prices:
Wet goods: \$1,250
Fast food: \$8,340 (Stall size: 7.6m x 4.8m)

Cheung Sha Wan Playground (Sham Shui Po)

Auction date: November 20 (Wednesday)
AM session: Wet goods
PM session: Fast food and wet goods
Number of stalls: Wet goods (70) and fast food (1)
Opening prices:
Wet goods: \$420
Fast food: \$3,810 (Stall size: 7.6m x 4.8m)

Tat Tung Road Garden (Tung Chung)

Auction date: November 22 (Friday)
Number of stalls: Wet goods (10)
Opening price: \$320

In the New Territories, 711 wet goods stalls and seven fast food stalls will be set up at nine fairs. They are located at Yuen Wo Playground in Sha Tin, Tin Hau Temple Fung Shui Square in Tai Po, Tung Tau Industrial Area Playground in Yuen Long, Kwai Chung Sports Ground in Kwai Tsing, Sha Tsui Road Playground in Tsuen Wan, Tin Hau Temple Plaza in Tuen Mun, Shek Wu Hui Playground in North District, Man Yee Playground in Sai Kung and Po Hong Park in Tseung Kwan O. Details of the auctions for these stalls, to be held at 9.30am until completion between the period of November 19 and December 9, are as follows:

Yuen Wo Playground (Sha Tin)

Auction date: November 19 (Tuesday)
Auction venue: Wo Che Community Hall, Sha Tin
Number of stalls: Wet goods (72)
Opening price: \$2,990

Tin Hau Temple Fung Shui Square (Tai Po)

Auction date: November 21 (Thursday)
Auction venue: Assembly Hall, G/F, Tai Wo Neighbourhood Community Centre, Tai Wo Estate, Tai Po
Number of stalls: Wet goods (50) and fast food (2)
Opening prices:
Wet goods: \$1,900
Fast food: \$4,570 (Stall size: 5m x 4m)

Tung Tau Industrial Area Playground (Yuen Long)

Auction date: November 27 (Wednesday)
Auction venue: Yuen Long Town East Community Hall
Number of stalls: Wet goods (108) and fast food (2)
Opening prices:
Wet goods: \$590
Fast food: \$4,570 (Stall size: 5m x 4m)

Kwai Chung Sports Ground (Kwai Tsing)

Auction date: November 28 (Thursday)
Auction venue: Assembly Hall, Lai Chi Kok Government Offices
Number of stalls: Wet goods (98)
Opening price: \$410

Sha Tsui Road Playground (Tsuen Wan)

Auction date: November 29 (Friday)
Auction venue: Assembly Hall, Lai Chi Kok Government Offices
Number of stalls: Wet goods (154)
Opening price: \$1,480

Tin Hau Temple Plaza (Tuen Mun)

Auction date: December 4 (Wednesday)
Auction venue: Tseng Choi Street Community Hall, Tuen Mun
Number of stalls: Wet goods (71) and fast food (1)
Opening prices:
Wet goods: \$1,250
Fast food: \$4,570 (Stall size: 7.6m x 4.8m)

Shek Wu Hui Playground (North District)

Auction date: December 5 (Thursday)
Auction venue: Luen Wo Hui Community Hall, Fanling
Number of stalls: Wet goods (84)
Opening price: \$600

Man Yee Playground (Sai Kung)

Auction date: December 9 (Monday)

Auction venue: Hang Hau Community Hall, Sai Kung
Number of stalls: Wet goods (20)
Opening price: \$320

Po Hong Park (Tseung Kwan O)

Auction date: December 9 (Monday)
Auction venue: Hang Hau Community Hall, Sai Kung
Number of stalls: Wet goods (54) and fast food (2)
Opening prices:
Wet goods: \$700
Fast food: \$3,810 (Stall size: 5m x 4m)

Bidders for LNY fair stalls must be at least 18 years old and ordinarily resident in Hong Kong. Anyone can bid for more than one stall. A bidder must pay the bid price and register in person with his or her own name as the licensee of the stall immediately after successfully bidding for a stall. The bidder is also required to sign at once a licence agreement with the FEHD, or will forfeit the rights to operate the stall.

All fair sites will be made available three days in advance for the setting up of stalls from January 16 to 18, 2020. The Government may without cause postpone the commencement date and shorten the duration of the licensed period (including the duration for setting up stalls and business period of the fair), or suspend or cancel the LNY fair in whole or in part. The bidding price (licence fee) paid will be refunded to the affected licensee on a pro-rata basis without interest. The licensee and his employees or agents must vacate the licenced area no later than the time specified by the Government verbally (by way of press release, public announcement or other similar communications) or in writing.

Stall licensees must completely remove the stall structure and all paraphernalia, together with all refuse, debris and unsold commodities (whether damaged or otherwise) from the licensed area before 7am on January 25 (9am for the Victoria Park LNY fair).

The FEHD reminded licensees that the stalls are solely for the purpose of selling and promoting the sale of the permitted commodities or fast food, and no other activities are allowed in the licenced area. If the FEHD considers that any activity conducted by the licensee to publicise, promote, display, show or sell any permitted commodities in the venue is unlawful, immoral or incompatible with the object of the LNY fair, the FEHD is entitled to direct the licensee to stop conducting such activity and the licensee must immediately comply with such direction.

Stall licensees should not destroy, damage or abandon any unsold commodities at or in the vicinity of the stall. They may surrender unsold flowers and plants left behind at the stall to the FEHD at no charge, cost or compensation whatsoever, before 7am on January 25 (9am for the Victoria Park LNY fair).

Successful bidders shall comply with all the stipulations and provisions as set out in the licence agreement. Otherwise, the department is entitled to terminate the agreement and the licensee shall immediately vacate the stall.

The spokesman said, "The Government has made its best efforts to enable the LNY fairs to be held as far as practicable. Interested parties should fully consider all the relevant arrangements announced by the Government before participating in the bidding. We will closely monitor the latest situation and conduct continuous risk assessment. Suspension or cancellation of the fairs for public safety or other reasons after successful bidding will not be ruled out. Refund arrangements will be made accordingly in accordance with the relevant clauses of the licence agreement with the licensee."

Details of the 2020 LNY fairs such as the public notice, the locations and layouts of the fair venues, commodities allowed for sale at the fair stalls, open auction arrangements and related rules, and a sample of the licence agreement are available at the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk). For enquiries, please call the FEHD hotline at 2868 0000.